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My Name is Art Ball. I'm speaking today as a Private Citizen. I'd like to start by telling you a little about my background.

I've worked with radiation and radioactive materials all of my adult life. This includes: Nuclear Weapons; Power and Research Nuclear Reactors; Operation of an Environmental Radiation Surveillance Program and Radiological Chemistry Laboratory; Electronic Product Radiation; and Cleanup of Radiologically Contaminated Waste Sites. I've also Written Curriculum for and taught Hazardous Materials Emergency Response and Radiation Response Courses.

I was one of a small group selected to Instruct National Guard Personnel regarding Response to Terrorist Attacks involving Weapons of Mass Destruction. I saw several of my former Students on Television last week, Responding in New York. I'm sure some of you saw them also!

More recently, I have been an Evaluator for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program and an Instructor for their Radiological Emergency Response and Advanced Radiological Incidents Courses. The Latter is an Anti-Terrorist Course.

People, Let Me Tell You, "I am Scared!!" I am scared that we have Spent Nuclear Fuel scattered in over 140 locations around the country where Mr. bin Laden or his followers may gain access to it. I'm afraid that they will gain possession of Spent Nuclear Fuel Assemblies, and use them in Dispersal and Exposure Weapons. They've already proven that they won't mind taking a lethal dose to obtain and deploy these Weapons!!! Believe me, the Spent Nuclear Fuel is Exactly Where They Want it!! In Yucca Mountain it would be far less accessible and more hazardous to the Terrorists.

Combining this problem with the desperate need that Nye County has for the PETT and PILT Monies and the jobs that go with the Yucca Mountain project, I say, "Let's get it put away, and let's do it NOW!!"

Yes, We'll have to shore up our Transportation Program, But, Leaving the Spent Fuel where it is, is Inviting Disaster!!! Thank You!

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